

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED  
FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 574 - HB 516**

March 3, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Department of Children's Services Oversight Committee consisting of 18 legislative members. Requires each member appointed to have a desire to serve on the Committee and to be committed to improving the lives of Tennessee's children. Requires the Committee to meet at least eight times a year and at the call of the chair. Authorizes members to receive reimbursement for travel expenses at the same rates and in the same manner as when attending the General Assembly. Authorizes the Committee to employ staff. Requires the Committee to timely publish a report following the conclusion of any regular annual session occurring in an even-numbered year that summarizes the Committee's activities, findings, recommendations, and proposals. A copy of such report shall be distributed to each member of the General Assembly. Requires the Commissioner of Education to report at least twice a year to the Committee concerning the performance of duties and responsibilities relative to the Tennessee Model Dropout Prevention Program and funding recommendations. Requires the Commissioner of Children's Services to report at least five times a year.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 23, 2013, a fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows:

*Increase State Expenditures - \$10,000/One-Time  
\$141,400/Recurring*

*Due to an error, the recurring increase in state expenditures of \$141,400 failed to include the insurance costs for each position. The one-time costs remain unchanged. The estimated fiscal impact is as follows:*

**(CORRECTED)**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$10,000/One-Time  
\$153,400/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Travel and per diem expenses for 18 legislative members of \$5,346 per meeting (\$173 per diem plus \$124 mileage for each member). Assuming at least two of the required

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eight meetings will be held during session, the total cost for Committee meetings will be \$32,076 (\$5,346 x 6 meetings).

- The Committee will hire an executive director and an administrative assistant at a recurring cost of \$121,277.56 which includes salary (\$60,000 + \$35,000), benefits (\$9,018 + \$5,261), and insurance (\$5,999.28 x 2 positions) plus one-time costs of \$10,000 (\$5,000 for each position for computer, equipment, and related items).
- Total recurring costs will be \$153,353.56 (\$32,076 + \$121,277.56).
- Any costs incurred by the Commissioners of Education and Children's Services to meet the reporting requirements will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucian D. Geise'.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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